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Michigan Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 30052  
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**Re: Administrative (ADM) File No. 2009-20**

Dear Clerk's Office Employee:

I write to provide my comments on the proposed rule change. For background, my detailed eleven page June 2009 letter, citing appropriate authorities including federal caselaw, discussed the need for rule amendments. That letter was sent to each of the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court and resulted in the opening of the administrative file referenced above.

I have reviewed the proposed rule change as contained in the Court's December 21, 2010 order concerning the proposed amendments to Rule 3(E), Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan, and Rule 8 of the Rules for the Board of Law Examiners.

I believe that the proposed rule amendments effectively and properly correct the legal issue noted not only in my June 2009 letter, but also by the lawsuit which I filed in June 2010 on my own behalf concerning that issue. As you know, that federal court lawsuit, *Thomas v. Welch et al.*, No. 2:10-CV-12294 (E.D. Mich.) was filed as a public interest / law reform-motivated lawsuit and has since been dismissed by stipulation of the parties following the Court's agreement to formally consider an amendment of the rules which would solve the issue going forward.

As a result, I write in support of the adoption of the rule amendments. Thank you for including my comment in the ADM file.

Sincerely,

/s/

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